



# DANVILLE VALLEY ECHOES

The Newsletter of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Bodies of the  
Valley of Danville

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## SPRING REUNION ~ APRIL 4 & 5, 2025

## MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, DAVID P. LYNCH CLASS



Most Worshipful Grand Master  
David P. Lynch

We are looking forward for you to join us for our Spring Reunion! All Master Masons are welcome to join us. Candidate fees are \$200.00. Scottish Rite members are encouraged to attend for fellowship and brotherhood.

You can make hotel reservations by March 4 by calling the Best Western Riverside (57 S. Gilbert, Danville, IL) at 217-431-0020 or the Baymont by Wyndham (360 Eastgate, Danville, IL) at 217-318-2887. Both are \$119.00 plus taxes. Ask for the Valley of Danville block.

Questions? Call the Valley Office at 217-446-7620.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025

|           |                        |
|-----------|------------------------|
| 3:00 P.M. | REGISTRATION           |
| 4:30 P.M. | 4TH DEGREE             |
| 5:30 P.M. | 12TH DEGREE            |
| 6:15 P.M. | DINNER                 |
| 7:15 P.M. | 22ND DEGREE (RED ROOM) |

### SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025

|            |                           |
|------------|---------------------------|
| 7:30 A.M.  | BREAKFAST                 |
| 8:00 A.M.  | CLASS PHOTOS              |
| 9:00 A.M.  | 18TH DEGREE               |
| 11:00 A.M. | 14TH DEGREE               |
| NOON       | LUNCH                     |
| 1:00 P.M.  | 16TH DEGREE               |
| 2:30 P.M.  | 32ND DEGREE               |
| 4:00 P.M.  | RECEPTION / PRESENTATIONS |
| 7:00 P.M.  | HOWL 2 GO                 |

## JUST THE OTHER DAY ~ BRADFORD W. CRONK, 33°



It seems like it was just the other day that I was worrying about how I was going to take on all the responsibilities that go with being Commander-in-

Chief. Here we are, almost a year later and halfway through the term. Now the question is, what have we accomplished and what is the upcoming year going to look like.

One of the high points of the year was Danville earning the Valley of Excellence Award for the 3rd year in a row. In all fairness, a lot of credit for this achievement goes to Brother Christopher Hathaway and Brother James Both, 33°. They worked hard getting the Valley to once again reach the goals to be recognized by this high honor.

We want to keep the Award of Excellence coming back to Danville, but it takes all of us to do it. You might ask yourself, what it is that I can do to help the Valley earn this lofty goal? The first thing is to ask every Mason you know about becoming a member of Scottish Rite. We also need members to help with our Brother to Brother calls and attending events. For more information on how you can help the Valley by doing your part, please call the Valley office.

Just the other day, back in July—we had

a meeting to make plans for events for the upcoming year. We have succeeded in having most of our plans come to fruition. We had two awesome presentations of December's Rose, Howl to Go, Bourbon Tasting, Valley Picnic, Steak and Cigar fundraiser for the Dyslexia school and so much more.

Most members don't want to hear what was done just the other day, they want to know what we are going to do. I'll start by saying, we are hard at work on several events. We are laying out plans to resurrect the Golf Outing, we will have Steak and Cigar Night again. The Valley will be offering more Rite on the Road events, picnics around the Valley, A Bowling Day, more plays and much more.

With all these activities going on throughout the year, don't forget Reunion. At the Spring Reunion, taking place April 4th and 5th, we will be honoring our Grand Master of the State of Illinois, David P. Lynch. We have a full slate of Degrees to help fill your passport and activities for your wife, girlfriend or other guest to participate in while you take in the Degrees. At the end of Reunion, Saturday Evening, the Valley will be hosting Howl to Go. This promises to be one Reunion you won't want to miss.

We will be having another planning day in July. My goal is to continue having at least one opportunity for fellowship every month. We have a great group of

guys to help with ideas for the upcoming year, but they don't have all the answers. They need to hear from you, the members of the Valley, about ideas you have for events and service projects. I believe that we must have activities that the membership wants. We do our best to plan, but without your input, all our plans are just a best guess.

As a member of the Valley, you can take part in any of the events the Valley organizes. That is half the fun of doing these projects. We need everyone to help these events succeed. Don't wait to be asked to become a part of the teams presenting these events, call the office and let us know what you would like to do. Many members get overlooked and don't get asked to assist because to assist because of simple oversight, unfamiliarity with someone's skills or because the director has gotten into a rut of using the same people for the same jobs all the time. I remember, just the other day, when I became a 32nd Degree mason and learned how to run a sound board, get over stage fright, learn public speaking, improve my leadership skills, work on the stage crew or costumes, and so much more. I hope all the members of Scottish Rite find their niche in the Fraternity and then they can tell the brothers in their Lodge about the great time they had, just the other day.

## BLUE ENVELOPE

The Blue Envelope is the Scottish Rite, NMJ's oldest Jurisdiction-wide fundraising appeal. For decades, Scottish Rite Masons have supported the charitable efforts of the fraternity by mailing their annual donations in a blue reply envelope, leading to the program's name.

Donations to the Blue Envelope fund help: The Scottish Rite Grand Almoner's Fund, Children's Dyslexia Centers, The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library and the Leon M. Abbott Scholarship Fund. Go to: <https://scottishritenmj.org/charities/blue-envelope> to donate.





## AROUND THE VALLEY



*Members of the Valley of Danville enjoying the Bourbon Tasting in Effingham*



## SCHOLARSHIPS!

Do you know a high school senior? Encourage them to apply for a scholarship. We always have scholarships available for students who are going into the health field!

There are six scholarships available with one application.

All Scholarship Applications are available online on our website, [aasrdanville.org](http://aasrdanville.org) on the Scholarship tab.

All scholarships must also be submitted online. Please do not send completed applications in the mail!

Further information may be acquired by contacting:  
Scholarship Chairman: Peter J. Eisenmenger, Valley Of Danville 109 W. North Street Danville, IL 61832 Phone: (217)446-7620.

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Office at 217-446-7620  
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ment is less than a  
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Besides helping with  
payments for the up-  
keep of our Valley, you  
will be invited to a  
Steak Dinner before  
the September Board  
Meeting, exclusive to  
32 Club Members.

Some of the projects  
we are concentrating  
on now are: A new  
kitchen floor and a new  
ceiling in the newly  
relocated library.



## VALLEY OF DANVILLE CALANDER OF EVENTS

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| <b>MARCH 8, 2025</b>         | <b>DANVILLE DVD DAY</b>                         |
| <b>MARCH 12, 2025</b>        | <b>VALLEY BOARD MEETING, MASONIC TEMPLE</b>     |
| <b>MARCH 29, 2025</b>        | <b>ANCIENT CRAFT DEGREE TEAM BLUE LIGHTNING</b> |
| <b>APRIL 4 &amp; 5, 2025</b> | <b>SPRING REUNION, MASONIC TEMPLE</b>           |
| <b>APRIL 5, 2025</b>         | <b>HOWL AT THE MOON</b>                         |
| <b>APRIL 6, 2025</b>         | <b>FEAST OF THE PASCHAL LAMB</b>                |
| <b>APRIL 9, 2025</b>         | <b>VALLEY OF DANVILLE BOARD MEETING</b>         |
| <b>APRIL 28, 2025</b>        | <b>LEARNING CENTER CHICKEN NOODLE DINNER</b>    |
| <b>MAY 7, 2025</b>           | <b>ANNUAL MEETING</b>                           |
| <b>MAY 16, 2025</b>          | <b>GOLF OUTING</b>                              |
| <b>MAY 17, 2025</b>          | <b>INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS</b>                 |
| <b>JUNE 11, 2025</b>         | <b>VALLEY OF DANVILLE BOARD MEETING</b>         |

### DECLARING FOR AT-LARGE DIRECTOR

We will have an At-Large Director position that will need to be filled at our Annual Meeting in May. The At-Large Directors position is open to any Valley of Danville Member in good standing. To fill this elected three year term, those who are interested must do so in person by declaring their intention to

run at one of our upcoming stated meetings, either March 13th or April 9th.

Any member wishing to stand for elected office may submit a resume or curriculum vitae, not exceeding one page in length. All voting for contested elections shall be conducted by secret

paper ballot, prepared in advance by the Secretary. The Chairman or Presiding Officer of the meeting at which the contested election occurs shall appoint election judges as needed to conduct the election, count the ballots and certify the outcome of the meeting.

## BROTHER TO BROTHER PROGRAM ~ CHRISTOPHER J. CAMPBELL



A few reunions ago, Myles Patterson asked me to make a few Brother to Brother Calls. I am so glad he did. I don't think I have done anything else as a member of Scottish Rite, or even as a Mason, that has been more worth my time, or has benefitted others more, than making Brother to Brother calls.

So let me ask you—Why did you become a Mason? Why did you join Scottish Rite? Most of us would say our first, or at least one of our top three reasons was because we want to be part of a fraternity. Are you an active Scottish Rite Mason? If so, great! You are one of maybe a hundred or couple hundred of our 1,550 brothers in the Valley of Danville. What about the other 1,300 or 1,400 of us?

There are many of our Valley who are life members, or pay their dues every year, but don't show up. Those are the brothers who, I think, benefit most from the Brother to Brother calls they might receive.

We owe it to the brothers we don't see at every reunion, who don't go to the other Valley activities, to let them know they

are part of something bigger. We owe it to them to let them know we still care about them.

Here's what it takes to reach out to those brothers we don't see around the beautiful building in Danville: 1. 90 minutes to 2 hours a month. 2. The ability to talk on the phone. You commit to that, and you can reach out to 10 or so brothers every month. Do that each month, at your own schedule, and you can make 120 Brothers to Brothers calls a year. If we had 12 more brothers willing to do that, every brother in the Valley will get a call every year.

I am a big believer in these Brother to Brother calls. There are many reasons, but I will list a few:

1. If I can call a brother on or near his birthday, he will appreciate it. Who doesn't like being wished a happy birthday?
2. I have called brothers at low points in their lives. While it is tough to be the one making that call, think about how comforting to the brother your call can be, to let him know another brother cares? I called one brother within the week of his wife's passing. I called another shortly after his only

son passed away. I called a widow, and was able to offer some help and comfort to her as well.

3. I have spoken to some brothers I would never have met. We have had interesting and enjoyable conversations. One brother told me about attending lodges in other countries: Japan, Greenland. Another told me about his time in the military. Many have told me about their different jobs or different hobbies and interests.
4. I have spoken to brothers I knew. Those tend to be quick conversations, especially when I see them once or twice a month in lodge or another mason body, or twice a year at reunions.

While making attempts to call each of the brothers in the valley gives us points for the Valley of Excellence Award, the real value is in reaching out to our brothers. Our brothers we haven't spoken to in awhile, those who aren't around so much, are the ones who benefit most from the Brother to Brother call. They are the ones who need it most.



Members of Olive Branch Lodge, the Valley of Danville and L. L. Lockard DeMolay and their families laid wreaths at the Danville National Cemetery for Wreaths across America in December.

Thank you to all who served and all who donated their time to honor those who served.

## CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to RWB Christopher J. Both on being named Grand Junior Deacon of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Illinois.

RWB Both is Past Master of Watseka Masonic Lodge #446 and Chairman of the Illinois Masonic Student Assistance Program. He is also Past Most Wise Master of George E. Burow Chapter of Rose Croix and currently serving as Chancellor of the Danville Consistory. We are very proud of Brother Both. Thank you for your dedication and leadership to Illinois Freemasonry.

## INFORMATION REQUEST

There are three mural paintings located in the Dining Room of the Masonic Temple in Danville. It is thought that they were painted during the 1920s or 1930s. They are works by unknown artists, presumably a Scottish Rite Member of the Valley of Danville.

If you know anything about these murals, please call the Valley office at 217-446-7620 or call Jim Hegg at 217-799-1213 or email Jim at georgewashington1@yahoo.com.

They are representative of our Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite degrees as well as being "one of a kind" art work. They need to be conserved and protected.



The Valley of Danville put on two excellent performances of December's Rose on December 7th, 2024.

Pictured is C. James Hegg, MSA; Troy R. Cary; Anthony Hall; Dyke Rothenberger; Jerry Askren, 33°, James Peplow, II, Wil Joiner, Ron Gustafson, Brian Pettice, 33°. R. Kenneth Smith, Peter J. Eisengmenger, 33°, John Tosh, Robert A. Gill, 33° and Thomas Jewell.

## DR JOHN WARREN'S MEDICAL TRUNK

By Stacey Fraser, Assistant Curator, Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library

This leather and wood trunk decorated with brass studs is thought to have belonged to Dr. John Warren (1753-1815) of Massachusetts. Its side handles and manageable size (11-7/8" x 13-1/2" x 24-1/2") made it both portable and practical. Through the service of its dynamic owner, this trunk may have seen military action during the American Revolutionary War.

Born in Roxbury, Massachusetts, Dr. John Warren was the younger brother of Dr. Joseph Warren, whose death at the Battle of Bunker Hill made him a martyr to the Patriot cause. John Warren studied medicine at Harvard, graduating in 1771. He became a surgeon with a militia commanded by Colonel Timothy Pickering (1745-1829) in 1772 and in that capacity, responded to the Lexington Alarm in April 1775.

In 1775, Warren was practicing medicine in Salem, Massachusetts. He traveled with his unit to the various battles in which he was involved. Like many Massachusetts militia members who were called out for the Lexington Alarm, Warren remained in the Boston area into the month of May. Warren likely brought his own medical supplies with him when he traveled. He owned two amputation kits. Based on the dimensions of these amputation kits, both items could have been carried inside this trunk.

By June 1775, Warren had returned home to Salem and received news of the start of the Battle of Bunker Hill. He hurried to Cambridge in the early hours of the following morning to treat wounded soldiers. At the same time, Warren fretted about his brother Joseph who had fought in the battle. At one point, Warren left the medical area in Cambridge and went to Bunker Hill

to find his brother, asking any and all soldiers he encountered about Joseph's whereabouts. One of these was a British sentry, and Warren received a bayonet wound to his side in response to his inquiry. Unfortunately, Joseph "fell on the field," as John later wrote in his diary.



His fervor for the Patriot cause and his brother's death motivated Warren. According to *Sibley's Harvard Graduates*, "He enjoyed helping repulse the raid at Lechmere Point, and, **case in hand** [emphasis mine], took his post on Cobble Hill at night hoping for another Bunker Hill." The "case" mentioned was likely a medical case, possibly this trunk. Cobble Hill was a colonist-fortified hill in Charlestown with an excellent view of Boston Harbor. Warren may have carried his medical supplies in this trunk during the early days of the Revolutionary War when the action was focused in Massachusetts.

It is also possible that Warren brought this trunk with him when the action moved away from Massachusetts. The nascent Continental Army struggled to provide uniforms, firearms, and other supplies to its soldiers. Warren's medical tools and supplies would have been highly valued and were likely brought with him when he left for New York in May 1776, after the British evacuated from Boston.

Warren later served as Surgeon General of army hospitals in Long Island, New York and Bethlehem, New Jersey in 1776. In the latter location, he—and possibly this trunk—saw action at the Battles of Trenton and Princeton. Warren also participated in the 1778 Rhode Island campaign, perhaps due to his marriage the previous year to Abigail Collins (1760-1832), daughter of Rhode Island Governor John Collins (1717-1795).

Dr. John Warren was a knowledgeable and dedicated surgeon, who put his medical skills to use in service of the American cause. This trunk, both substantial enough to hold needed medical supplies and portable enough to carry into battle, is an apt symbol of his service. Warren's trunk will be on view at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library beginning in April 2025, part of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library's newest gallery exhibition, "Protest & Promise: The American Revolution in Lexington."

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Listed below are the members from October 1, 2024 to February 1, 2025 who have been summoned to the Great Architect of the Universe.

| Name                | Lodge  | Service Years | Name                  | Lodge  | Service Years |
|---------------------|--------|---------------|-----------------------|--------|---------------|
| Randolph L Adkins   | IL0179 | 35            | James M Lang          | WI0002 | 35            |
| Robert L Angell Jr. | IL0260 | 55            | Gregory John Leyrer   | IL0754 | 17            |
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